

REMARKS

Remaining Claims

Claims 1, 3, 58, 59, 64, and 69 have been amended to more clearly point out and distinctly claim the invention. After these amendments are entered, twenty five (25) claims (Claims 1-11, 46, and 57-69) remain pending in this application through this Amendment.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph over Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, and 46, have been overcome by the amendments of claims 1 and 3. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph rejection set forth in the Office Action.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph over Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 46, 58, 59, 64, and 69 have been overcome by the amendments of claims 1, 3, 58, 59, 64, and 69. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection set forth in the Office Action.

In view of the foregoing and in conclusion, Applicants submit that the pending claims are now in conditions for allowance.

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Should the Examiner believe that a discussion with Applicants' representative would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned. Please address all correspondence to Robert Gorman, CIBA Vision, Patent Department, 11460 Johns Creek Parkway, Duluth, GA 30097. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2965.

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